

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed September 2, 2004, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1 through 20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 through 20 stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks set forth below.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1 through 20 stand provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 18 through 35 of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/933,297.

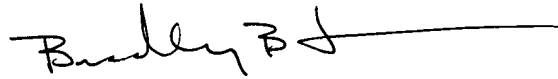
Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, as hereinafter set forth. The conflicting claims from Application No. 09/933,297 were non-elected in response to a restriction requirement, and have subsequently been canceled in an amendment mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 12, 2004.

Applicants, therefore, submit that the provisional rejection of claims 1 through 20 based on claims 18 through 35 of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/933,297. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 through 20.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1 through 20 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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